



Michael Stephen Fong

January 3, 1951 - June 25, 2023

On Sunday, June 25th, Michael Stephen Fong passed away suddenly from a heart attack at the age of 72. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Michael was born in Visalia on January 3, 1951 to Stephen and Ora Fong. His siblings were Stephanie, Julia and Randy. He attended school in Visalia and spent his free time at the family grocery store, Steve's Meat Market, or Gongs Market. He graduated from Mt. Whitney School and Fresno State University.

He married Sharon Shelton on September 26, 1981 at First Baptist Church in Visalia. They welcomed their sons David in 1986 and Aaron in 1990. The family enjoyed church, bicycling, hiking and frequent trips the mountains or coast.

Michael worked as an accountant. He was employed by the County of Tulare, Richgrove School District, Auburn School District, Fresno County Department of Education and SKF Sanitation. He developed wonderful friendships everywhere he was employed.

Michael had a great love for his family and friends. He found love and support from his relationship with Jesus Christ, his Lord. He loved to hunt and fish when he was young. He hiked and backpacked with family and friends. A bicycle was his constant companion. He loved to ride with his friends in the

evening after he got off work. On Saturdays, his cycling group liked to ride forty to one hundred miles or ride the steep incline in the mountains. On Thursdays he was at Bible study and on Sundays he was worshiping the Lord at church.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sharon Fong, his sons David Fong and Aaron Fong, sisters Stephanie Fong and Julia Fong, brother Randy Fong (Freya), mother-in law Barbara Shelton, nephew Matthew Coppola, and nieces Kalyn Fong, Kyra Fong and Catherine Coppola.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM Friday, July 14th, 2023 at Gateway Church of Visalia, 1100 S Sowell St, Visalia.

Memorial Donations can be made to Visalia Rescue Mission at 714 North Santa Fe Street, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

JUL 14. 10:30 AM (PT)

Gateway Church of Visalia
1100 S Sowell St
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Stephen Fong*



Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 10, 2023 at 12:18 PM

KC

“ *Michael always looked you straight in the eye and listened to what you had to say. He was always supportive to what was going on in your life. He often had a happy glow when talking. I feel very fortunate to be a part of his family.*

Karen Cooper

Karen Cooper - July 14, 2023 at 12:11 AM

RG

“ *I really treasured the times I spent with Mike in the 1980's while hiking, cross country skiing, or just talking about life. He was a valuable friend when I needed a friend. God bless you, Mike. May God comfort Sharon and the family.*

Rod Glover - July 13, 2023 at 04:54 PM

RG

“ *Sharon and family we are greatly saddened by Michael's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Rick Green and Family

Rick Green - July 13, 2023 at 03:51 PM

MC

“ *Such a wonderful man loved seeing him walk with Penny. Prayers for Sharon and their boys.*

Monica Carrillo - July 12, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Fong.*



July 11, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Stephen Fong.*



July 10, 2023 at 09:25 AM

DB

“ *Very sorry for your loss Sharon !
Don Blankenship and family*

Don Blankenship - July 07, 2023 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ *More than a loving uncle; a father figure.
Love,
your nephew Matt*

matthew coppola - July 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM

EP

Though I walk through the valley, ...I will fear no evil, for thou art with me

Earl Pagan - July 06, 2023 at 01:11 PM

EP

Michael was a friend, a brother, a man of God. He will be missed.

Earl Pagan - July 10, 2023 at 10:24 PM